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SUBJECT: MBFR: AIR MANPOWER: EXCEPTIONS FOR TRAINING, EXERCISES, AND ROTATIONS

1. WE TRANSMIT BELOW WG PAPER REQUESTING NATIONAL SUBMISSIONS ON AIR MANPOWER EXERCISES, TRAINING, AND ROTATIONS. WG STAFF PREPARED PAPER ON INITIATIVE OF ACTING CHAIRMAN (SMITH) WHO RAISED ISSUE AT RECENT WG MEETINGS. WG REPS GENERALLY BELIEVED THIS WAS NOT A PRESSING ISSUE BUT AGREED TO CIRCULATION OF DRAFT IN ORDER TO BEGIN PROCESS OF ASSEMBLING INFORMATION RELEVANT TO AIR MANPOWER EXCEPTIONS. WG WILL RETURN TO THIS ISSUE AT NEXT MEETING, DECEMBER 17.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON COMMENT BY DECEMBER 17.

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BACKGROUND

THE MBFR WORKING GROUP AGREED (1) THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO STUDY IN MORE DETAIL THE EXCEPTIONS TO ANY LEVEL OF AIR MANPOWER NEGOTIATED FOR THE PURPOSES OF A NON-INCREASE

COMMITMENT BETWEEN PHASES. THIS REQUIREMENT WAS ENDORSED BY THE MILITARY COUNCIL GUIDANCE TO THE AD HOC GROUP (3).

PRESENT LEVEL OF NATO AIR MANPOWER STRENGTHS

2. THE MID 1974 ASSESSMENTS (4) OF NATO AIR FORCE MANPOWER STRENGTHS ARE:

BELGIUM	19,500
CANADA	1,500
FRANCE	500
GERMANY	111,000
NETHERLANDS	20,000
UNITED KINGDOM	10,000
UNITED STATES	34,000
TOTAL	196,500

3. IN RESPONSE TO THE QUESTION OF WHAT FUTURE INCREASES TO AIR MANPOWER WERE FORESEEN BY THEM, MOST NATIONS REPLIED (5) THAT THERE WERE NONE. THE UK, SUBJECT TO THEIR DEFENCE REVIEW, FORECAST AN INCREASE OF 600 MEN. FRANCE, OF COURSE, WAS NOT INVOLVED.

(1) AC/276-D(74)11, PARAGRAPH 6

(2) IMSW- -74 (FOLLOWING FROM IMSWM-259-74)

(3) C-M(74)83

(4) AC/276-D(74)6

(5) AC/276-D(74)--, PARAGRAPH 5

PURPOSE

4. THE PURPOSE OF THIS PAPER IS TO ASK NATIONS WHAT EXCEPTIONS THEY FORESEE BEING REQUIRED TO THE LEVEL OF AIR FORCE MANPOWER NEGOTIATED FOR THE PURPOSES OF A NON-INCREASE COMMITMENT BETWEEN PHASES.

TYPES OF EXCEPTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

5. THE TYPES OF EXCEPTIONS WHICH NATIONS ARE NOW ASKED TO CONSIDER ARE FOR:

(A) EXERCISES. THIS MEANS THE TEMPORARY INTRODUCTIONS OF AIR FORCES INTO THE NGA FOR EXERCISE PURPOSES.

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(B) TRAINING. THIS MEANS INCREASES TO AIR FORCE MANPOWER IN THE NGA BY, FOR EXAMPLE, THE TEMPORARY MOBILIZATION OF RESERVISTS FOR TRAINING PURPOSES.

(C) ROTATIONS AND FLUCTUATIONS. THIS MEANS TEMPORARY INCREASES TO NORMAL AIR MANPOWER STRENGTH IN THE NGA DUE TO ROTATIONS OF PERSONNEL FROM OUTSIDE THE NGA AND DUE TO PEAKS IN NATIONAL DRAFT SYSTEMS.

REQUIREMENT

6. THE NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES IN THE WORKING GROUP ARE ASKED TO OBTAIN THEIR OWN NATIONAL FIGURES UNDER THESE HEADINGS. THE FIGURE REQUIRED IS THE HIGHEST FORESEEN BY EACH NATION UNDER EACH HEADING.

7. THE SHAPE REPRESENTATIVE IS ASKED TO OBTAIN THE FIGURE
FORESEEN FOR INTER-REGIONAL NATO EXERCISES(1).

8. IF IT IS POSSIBLE TO INDICATE AT WHAT TIME OF YEAR THE
PEAK PERIODS OCCUR, THIS SHOULD BE DONE BECAUSE THIS WILL SHOW
WHETHER THERE IS A PARTICULAR SEASON WHEN NORMAL STRENGTHS
ARE EXCEEDED.

LIMITATIONS

9. WHILST IT MAY STILL BE PREMATURE TO CONSIDER THESE
SUBJECTS IN DETAIL, THE WORKING GROUP MAY WISH TO ENQUIRE
WHETHER THERE ARE ANY NATIONAL VIEWS ON THE PRE-ANNOUNCE-
MENT OF OR AN OVERALL LIMIT FOR THE EXCEPTIONS UNDER STUDY.

WARSAW PACT PEAK PERIODS AND STRENGTHS

10. THE SHAPE REPRESENTATIVE IS ASKED TO PRODUCE SIMILAR
FIGURES FOR THE WARSAW PACT. NATO
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(1) AC/276-D(74)11, PARAGRAPH 6(C)

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